GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:251
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UTILISATION OF FUNDS UNDER CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the funds to the tune of Rs. 7,000 crore are pending with the District Rural Development Agencies as reported in Dainik Jagran dated October 4, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is drawing up any plan to ensure proper and timely utilsation of funds allocated for centrally sponsored schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement refereed in reply to part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 251 due for Answer on 9.12. 2005.

According to the progress reports received in the Ministry, the unspent funds with the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) was Rs. 3808.61 crores as on 1.4.2005. State-wise unspent funds with the District Rural Development Agencies are given in the Table at Annexure-I.

2. The State Governments and Union Territory Administration are allowed to carry forward the unspent balances upto certain specified limits (10%) and excess amount (if any) is deducted from the releases during the succeeding year. The quantum of opening balance depends on the capabilities of the Executing Agencies to implement the schemes, length of the working seasons and staggered release of financial resources at various stages.

3. In order to ensure proper and timely utilization of funds, the Ministry of Rural Development has evolved a comprehensive multi-level and multi-tool system of monitoring and evaluation for the implementation of its programmes. Appropriate objectively verifiable performance indicators have been developed for each of the specific programme, both by the Ministry of Rural Development and the State authorities for effective monitoring of rural development programmes at the District, Block, Gram Panchayat and Village levels so that alarming signals can be captured well in time.

4. Besides, review of the programmes with the States is being done at the level of the Union Ministers

(i) by conducting frequent meetings with the State Ministers and Senior Officials,

(ii) through video conferencing,

(iii) by writing to Chief Ministers and State Ministers

(iv) and also by closely following the Status through on-line monitoring reports.

Annexure-1 Statement referred in Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 251 due for reply on 9.12.2005

(RS. in crores)

State Name	Opening Balance As on 1-04-2005
ANDHRA PRADESH	162.98
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	12.45
ASSAM	280.45
BIHAR	849.47
CHHATTISGARH	76.72
GOA	11.57
GUJARAT	150.57
HARYANA	32.96

HIMACHAL PRADESH	53.27
JAMMU & KASHMIR	23.10
JHARKHAND	382.64
KARNATAKA	126.83
KERALA	46.29
MADHYA PRADESH	177.83
MAHARASHTRA	130.33
MANIPUR	12.50
MEGHALAYA	9.46
MIZORAM	6.62
NAGALAND	10.91
ORISSA	144.31
PUNJAB	3.77
RAJASTHAN	199.32
SIKKIM	5.39
TAMIL NADU	71.22
TRIPURA	23.99
UTTAR PRADESH	470.49
UTTARANCHAL	51.58
WEST BENGAL	271.89
A&N Islands	4.57
D&N Haveli	0.00
Daman & Diu	0.06
Lakhsadweep	0.46
Pondicherry	4.62
All India	3808.61

Note : The opening blance pertains to the following s hemes Sampoorna Gramin Rogar Yojana (SGRY)Natinal Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSYIndira Awaas Yojana (IAY) Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) Desert Development Progamme (DDP)Integrated Wastelands Development Progamme (IWDP)